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EFFECT OF TEST CASE.

Judgment in the case brought by the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., in reference to cargo on the German steamers interned in Netherlands Indies ports, has been given by the Dutch Courts in favour of the Company, it being laid down that no general average, discharging or re-loading expenses are to be paid.

It appears from the Sumatra paper that it was the Medan Court which gave judgment for the Handel My. Deli Atjen (agents of the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co.) in the suit brought by this Company against the Captain of the *Scandia*, Mr. J. Jochims.

Judgment embraces the following points:—

1st.—That all the milk (11,550 cases) has to be delivered against surrender of Bill of Lading.

2nd.—A refund of all charges involved (in the Court's approval) through delay of delivery.

3rd.—Unless consignees have not been afforded delivery of goods within 48 hours, an indemnification of some kind must be entered into.

The Court further decided that no general average was to be paid for defendants having to pay costs of the case.

It would appear from this finding that an appeal to the Batavia High Court is still possible.

It may be recalled, says the *Pingang Gazette*, that when the question of the release of goods was taken up by Messrs. Harrison & Crossfield, the Hamburg-Amerika Co., voicing the opinion of the other enemy owners, quoted the following terms for the delivery of goods:—

1.—Delivery of full set of Bills of Lading, failing a full set being produced a form of guarantee to be signed by a Neutral Bank, viz., the Javasche Bank or the Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij at Medan.

2.—Payment of full freight, if same has not already been paid.

3.—Payment of expenses of discharging, restowing, telegrams, etc.

4.—Provisional contribution of 10 per cent. for General Average for which a bond must be signed.

WHAT THE JUDGMENT MEANS.

The effect of the judgment, explained Mr. John Mitchell, Chairman of the Penang Chamber of Commerce, to a *Pingang Gazette* representative, was that people would not comply with the requirements of the shipping companies for these extraordinary charges. "According to their judgment, merchants can obtain their goods when they require them, without having to pay any general average deposit, nor are they responsible for the charges of unshipping and reloading. The judgment will certainly have the effect of preventing people from signing away their rights. It is these demands which have been responsible for so little cargo having yet been delivered."

"GENERAL AVERAGE."

Average, it is interesting to point out, is the term used in maritime commerce to signify damages or expenses resulting from the accidents of navigation. General average arises when sacrifices have been made, or expenditure incurred, for the preservation of the ship, cargo and freight from some peril of the sea, or from its effects. It implies a subsequent contribution from all parties concerned, rateably to the value of their respective interests to make good the loss thus occasioned.

AMERICA'S MERCHANT MARINE.

The *New York Maritime Register* says: There has been of late a considerable falling off of transfers of vessels to American registry. This has resulted largely no doubt from the activity of the British Government in maintaining the right of search of vessels on the high seas for contraband of war as well as the scrutiny into the circumstances of the transfer of vessels ofelligence as to whether the sale of vessels to Americans is a bona-fide transaction.

This is, of course, a serious interference with commerce, but a belligerent nation has a right, according to the terms of the Declaration of London, to satisfy itself as to whether the sale of an enemy's vessel was made in order to evade the consequences of capture and confiscation which it would be subject under the flag of a belligerent country.

It is probable that inquiry by the British Government into the transfer of an enemy vessel to our flag will hereafter be made more searching. The limitation therefore put upon the transfer of vessels to our flag by the Declaration of London, naturally acts as a deterrent to the purchase by our citizens of vessels of the enemy at war, as according to the terms of this declaration, "The transfer of an enemy vessel to a neutral flag, effected after the outbreak of hostilities, is void, unless it is proved that such transfer was not made in order to evade the consequences to which an enemy vessel as such was exposed."

During the continuance of the war it may be possible by purchase to add a considerable number of foreign-built vessels to our merchant marine, but the acquiring of vessels in this way cannot by itself be depended upon as a means of developing the merchant marine of this country.

BRITISH BID FOR CHEMICAL TRADE.

Sir William Tilden, dealing with the manufacture of chemicals in Britain at the Society of Arts, said that we needed many first-rate chemists, a few engineers, plenty of capital, and some good men of business. A combination of these elements was certain of success.

The establishment of what would be practically a new industry would require assistance from the State if it was to survive the fierce competition which would follow the conclusion of war. Financial aid was already promised to the dye industry by the Government.

COST OF PANAMA CANAL.

From the report of Colonel Goethals, it appears that the appropriations to date for the Panama Canal aggregate \$374,000,000, of which \$28,550,000 had been expended at date of the report. It is quite possible that the full hitherto assumed cost of \$400,000,000 will have been reached before expenditures cease. And the amount charged, doubtless, does not include interest during construction, which has to be charged in private enterprises as part of capital cost. It is doubtful whether we shall ever get such an accounting of the cost of the Canal as directors of a private corporation are required to render to their stockholders. But, whatever the cost, and whether it ever earns the net income of 3 per cent. on the investment which is required to make the treasury good, the expenditure, being quite within our means, has been wise. Even disregarding the value of the Canal for its commercial linking together of the two coasts of the Republic is fully worth the cost. The arrival of the first ship from this Coast through the Canal to the Gulf ports was celebrated as a great event at New Orleans. The reduction of cost of shipment, not merely increases profits on the business now in time to create large volumes of business which is now not done at all. Nobody can yet tell just what that business will be or how rapidly it will develop. To a considerable extent it will almost certainly involve the transportation of ores in cargo lots or the establishment of reduction works and the movement of their products. The mineral resources of this State are the potential foundation of industry and commerce to an extent which few realize. The injury to the transcontinental carriers, while serious just now, will be temporary. Whatever tends to increase population and industrial and commercial activity will in the end be profitable to all interests.—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

WAR TRAINING OF TERRITORIALS IN INDIA.

Orders have been issued by the Commander-in-Chief in India regarding the war training of Territorial Infantry in India, which say that battalions of Territorial Infantry newly arrived in the country would undergo a course of training which had for its object their preparation for active service in the field in the shortest possible time. The "Kitcheners" test of 1904 had been considered by the Commander-in-Chief the best all-round standard for the purpose and was accordingly republished with certain modifications which were found necessary in order to bring it up-to-date, and to adapt it to the requirements of the present situation. The marks allotted to the different sub-heads were merely an indication of the relative importance attached to the several points included under each main heading, and were intended both as a guide to officers commanding battalions in preparing their command, and to the inspecting officers in assessing the efficiency of units tested by them. All battalions are to be inspected under the orders of army commanders as early as possible after the conclusion of the period of a set piece and the results are to be reported to the Chief of the General Staff for the information of the Commander-in-Chief. Inspection in signalling will be dealt with by special inspectors and the musketry course will be that laid down for recruits and trained soldiers, respectively. The orders give in detail the number of points for each particular branch of work.

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FIELD DAY.

On Sunday, January 10th, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Companies will parade on the Cricket ground at 8 a.m. Dress, Marching Order. Water-bottles to be filled and food carried in the haversack.

Members residing in Kowloon will fall in at the Kowloon Ferry Wharf at 8.30 a.m. under Lieut. Landale.

Members residing at Taiipo should arrange to join at Fanning.

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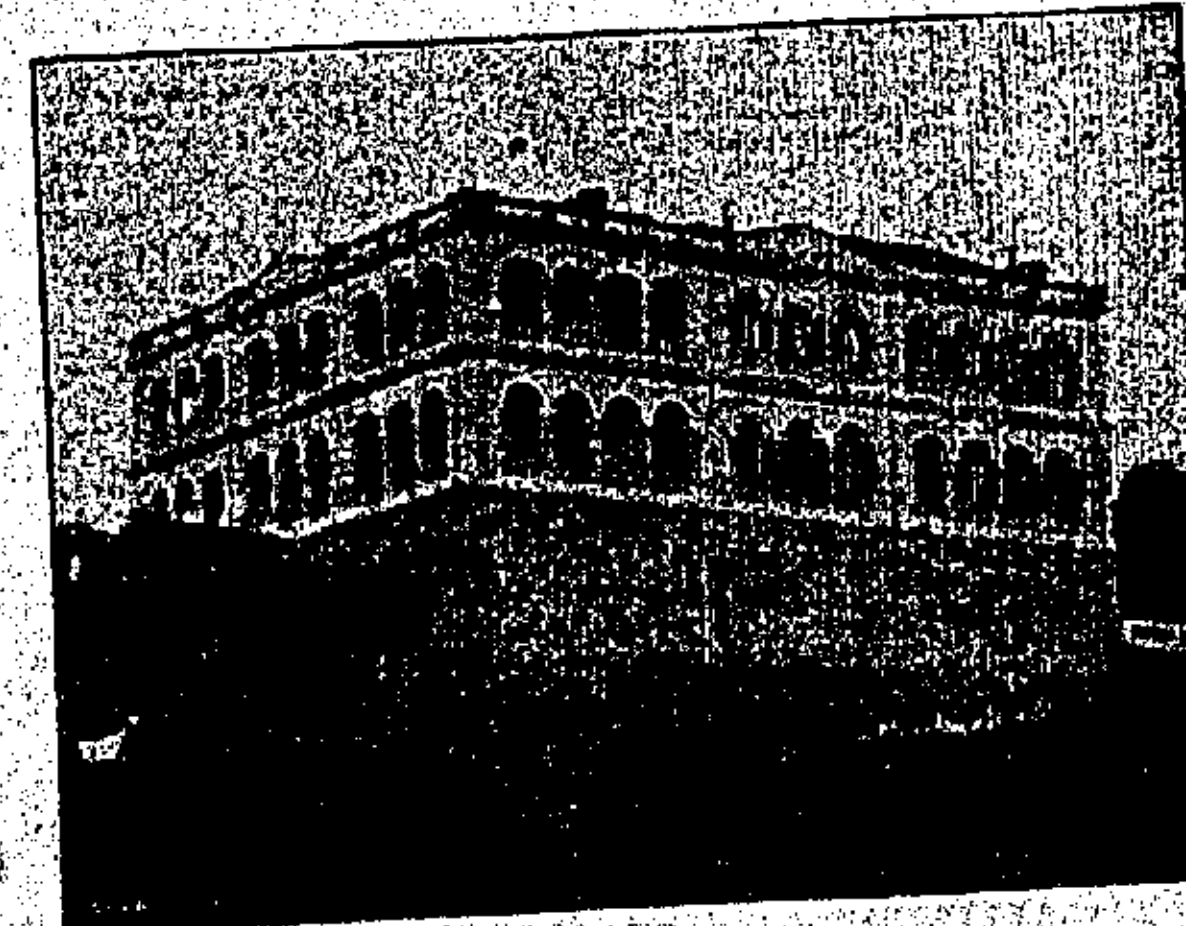
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TO-MORROW

9.15 p.m.—A.D.C. at the Theatre Royal—
"Snowwhite and the Frog Prince."

2.30 p.m.—Auction of A Valuable Collection
of Antique China and Curious Sales Rooms,
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Saturday, 30th Jan.—
3 p.m.—A Garden Fête in the grounds of the
University.

JAPAN AND THE EMPIRE.

VALUE OF THE ALLIANCE.

HOW NIPPON HAS KEPT HER PLEDGE.

The present war, says a writer in the *Standard of Empire*, must inevitably cause a large number of people to revise their ideas on a good many subjects. To mention only two instances, it may be said that the not inconsiderable school of thought which in pre-war days was opposed to the "local navy" policy of Australia has been provided with much reason for reflection by the exploits of the Royal Australian Navy, while those people—often supporters of the local navy plan—who found themselves unable to view with favour the Anglo-Japanese Alliance have also to acknowledge that this compact has abundantly justified itself.

What at first sight appears to be a paradox disappears, however, when it is looked into closely. Both extremes of view were wrong, and the path of wisdom, as indicated by the recent course of events, is a road to a compromise between the two divergent policies.

It is unnecessary to recapitulate the arguments in support of the view that the "local navy" policy has been justified by results, but justice demands that the straightforward part played by our Far Eastern Ally since the outbreak of the war should be generally realised by all the Britanniic peoples. The Germans have attempted to arouse feeling against Britain in neutral countries on the ground that she incited an Asiatic race to attack Europeans. The truth is that the "Asiatic race" has honoured its signature to an international contract, and the contrast between its conduct and that of Germany in regard to the independence of Belgium, which was also the subject of an international agreement to which Prussia was a party, places Germany in a very inferior moral position to that of Japan.

WHAT JAPAN'S NAVY HAS DONE.

Apart altogether from the capture of Kioochau, Japan has rendered splendid service to the Allied cause. Her warships have been employed in extensive convoying operations, and they have taken a prominent part in the hunt for German cruisers in the Indian and Pacific oceans. It was the warships of the Mikado which pursued the German gunboat *Geier* to Honolulu and, by maintaining a constant patrol outside the harbour, forced her commander to submit to internment. British mail steamers between Aden and Australia, in the days when the *Emden* and *Königsberg* were still at large, owed their safety in no small measure to the friendly watchfulness of the Japanese Navy. When the R.M.S. *Osterley* reached Fremantle some time ago her officers were surprised to find that she had been conveyed from Colombo by a Japanese cruiser, which arrived in port five hours after the liner. The wireless operator of the *Osterley* had discovered that someone was constantly tapping her wireless signals, but, fearing that the mysterious vessel was a German cruiser, he did not answer, and it was not until Fremantle was reached that the true explanation was revealed.

In the matter of the German islands in the Pacific also Japan has behaved in a most exemplary fashion. For some unexplained reason Australia did not occupy the Marshall, Caroline, and Pelew groups when the more southerly German colonies were seized. In order to prevent stray German cruisers from making use of these islands they were occupied by Japanese naval detachments.

AUSTRALIA'S INDEBTEDNESS.

The Japanese Government has just intimated its willingness to withdraw in favour of Australia as soon as the Commonwealth is ready to take over the islands. A force is being got ready for the purpose, and the groups seized by Japan will form part of the Melanesian territory to be administered by Commander Peirbridge, C.M.G., as Australian Commissioner in the North-West Pacific, until their destiny is finally decided at the conclusion of the war. Commander Peirbridge, who succeeded Captain Muirhead Collins, C.M.G., as secretary of the Defence Department of the Commonwealth in 1910, will have authority to arrange for the effective occupation of these islands.

The fact that Japan has fought at our side in the fiercest struggle that the world has ever known cannot be without influence on the future relations between the Asiatic Power and the British Empire. Those who have hitherto looked askance at the Anglo-Japanese Alliance will no longer be able to entertain the old suspicion that too much reliance must not be placed in the good faith of our Ally, and any difficulties that may arise in the future from the economic friction between the different standards of living of the two peoples will be settled more easily as the result of the sympathy engendered by our comradeship in arms against the Germanic conspiracy to dominate the world.

HAMBURG TRANSFORMED.

REFUGE FOR IDLE SHIPPING.

The special correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* at Amsterdam, Mr. C. E. Tripp, writes:—Of all the cities that have come within the influence of the war there is probably none which has been so completely changed as Hamburg. The port is stagnant, silent, dead. In its vast water spaces lie hundreds of ships that just over three months ago were steaming to and fro on the seven seas. Now they lie still, deserted, under guard. In sharp contrast is the feverish rush of work going on in that part of the city's waterways devoted to shipbuilding. Exactly what the nature of this work is it is impossible to say. The echoes of the industrial excitement sound strange indeed to one who finds himself in the midst of the stillness and silence of the commercial port.

Hamburg has been placed in a curious position since Germany took possession of Antwerp. The townspeople are torn between admiration for a German feat of arms and fear for the future of their own property. They do not disguise their fear that, with Antwerp a German port, Hamburg's wealth would largely disappear. And so there is general dismay in commercial circles over the taking of Antwerp.

SHOULD JAPAN CO-OPERATE IN EUROPE?

An article appears in the November number of the *Fortnightly Review*, entitled "The Full Value of the Japanese Alliance," by a writer who signs himself "En Vedette." The burden of it is the desirability of shortening the war by the co-operation of the Japanese Army in Europe. The *Japan Chronicle* surmises that the writer is one who has occupied a high position in the diplomatic world in Japan. We make the following extract:—

"To turn the scale promptly and completely in the Western theatre of the war, what is wanted is the immediate presence of an additional army of 250,000 men. By an army fully trained soldiers ready to be sent to the front at once and to fight on their arrival is meant, and there is only one country that can supply it. That country is our gallant and devoted ally Japan. The word devoted is used advisedly. We have only to ask and we can have Japanese co-operation tomorrow. The first doubt that may strike the mind is that Japan is too far off. Let us remove this doubt at once. Japan by the Pacific-Canadian route is only a few days farther away from the English Channel than India. Within a month of the Emperor of Japan issuing his orders, the Japanese Army would be in Flanders or Normandy. We cannot for the sake of the common cause refrain from exercising our influence to induce Japan to come to the front. Very little inducement will be necessary, and Japan will throw into the scale not a little army, but a mass which the Germans will have to take into account. The Japanese alliance is one of the chief assets of the British Empire; the time has arrived to bring it into the general account for the consummation of a task that will confer present relief and future security on many millions of people.

"Nor must we forget that Japan is herself at war with Germany, and that she has the right to attack her wherever she deems fit. If she liked to send an armada of her own to Europe there is no one with any right to stop her, and certainly neither France nor Belgium would look askance at any aid, no matter whence it came. As Japan's chief desire and ambition is to gain a prominent place among the Great Powers of Asia, but of the world, the possibility of military action in Europe has been carefully studied by the Headquarters Staff at Tokyo, and there is little doubt that all is ready for the execution of a clear and well-conceived plan.

"While Japan would not make and bargain, offering her co-operation in a large spirit and with the sympathy of a true comrade, it would be hurtful to our feelings and to our Allies also to accept such aid without her receiving some definite reward and share in the spoils of victory. We could none of us let her return empty-handed after so signal a service, and yet there might be some embarrassment in fixing upon a suitable and attainable reward. It would be better to fix it beforehand, and the following suggestion might provide a solution that would be generally acceptable. Japan could be assured the reversion to German East Africa. That would give her a fine colony still in the making and a vent for her activities in a scene far removed from Australian and American susceptibilities. For the States holding territory in the Congo basin, which are France, Belgium, and Portugal, Japan would be a far preferable neighbour to Germany. Their Governments would not hesitate to become parties to a convention admitting Japan to take her place in Equatorial Africa as her reward for supporting the common cause.

"The fundamental objection that many persons will feel to the introduction of Asiatics in a European quarrel is one of the old-fashioned prejudices that will not hold water in these days. Keep Asia out of it, say these narrow-minded persons, but they forget that Asia has a right to her say in the matter. Germany is fighting not merely for hegemony in Europe, but for colonies and tropical possessions. Were she to win she would soon have her own way in the other continents. Asia thus cannot be kept out of it. India has been brought into it, Japan is the other great representative of Asia that possesses an army which might, without fear of the result, be placed opposite Prussian regiments. It is pure folly to neglect availing ourselves of such a valuable source of strength as is at our disposal through the loyalty and goodwill of our Japanese allies. The Japanese have more than fulfilled the bold prediction of Sir Stamford Raffles 100 years ago that of all Asiatics the Japanese were the most likely to attain equality with Europeans in character and capacity. They have attained it, but what they want is universal recognition of the fact, and there is no better way to accomplish this object than by taking a glorious part in the tremendous struggle which is rending much of Europe to pieces, and which will be felt in its consequences to the furthest ends of the earth if the Germans gain the day."

THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

In connection with the re-opening of the London Stock Exchange the main restrictive conditions contemplated were first that naturalised Germans and Austrians shall be precluded, unless denaturalized in their country of origin; secondly, that preventive measures be taken to prevent Germans from unloading their securities, and raising money by roundabout means; thirdly, that dealings be in cash only; and fourthly, that options and new account bargains and arbitrage transactions be prohibited.

KRUPP'S DIVIDEND.

The firm of Friedrich Krupp (Limited) proposes to pay a 12 per cent. dividend as compared with 14 last year. The share capital is to be raised from three and a half millions sterling to twelve and a half millions sterling. The Berlin Stock Exchange postponed settlements till the end of December.

WHAT NEW BRITISH TAXES MEAN.

THE INCOME TAX.

A return issued by the Treasury shows in detail both the amount of tax payable on incomes and the virtual rate charged in the £ under the Finance Act passed last session, and under the proposals made by the Chancellor to raise money for the conduct of the war. A few examples may be given.

A person with an income of £161 would, under the original scheme, pay 6d. If his income were wholly earned, and 1s. 1d. if it were wholly unearned. For this year, with an additional rate of 33-1/3rd per cent., the charges will be 1s. and 1s. 4d. respectively, and next year, under the double rates, they will be 1s. 6d. and 2s., the virtual rate in all cases being estimated at 1d. in the £. On an income of £180, a man this year would have paid 15s. on earned and £1 on unearned, the virtual rates being 1d. and 1-1/3d. in the £ respectively; he would now pay £1 (13s. in the £) and £1 6s. 8d. (18s. in the £); while next year he will pay £1 10s. (2s. in the £) and £2 (2-1/3d. in the £) respectively.

This year's new rate on an income of £203 will amount to £2 (2-1/3d. in the £) and £2 13s. 4d. (3-1/3d. in the £), and next year's charge will be £3 (3-1/3d. in the £) and £4 (4-1/3d. in the £) respectively. On £1,000 the increased charge will be £50 (5s. in the £) and £53 6s. 8d. (5s. 8d. in the £), while next year it will be £75 (7-1/2d. in the £) and £125 (12-1/2d. in the £) respectively. This estimate takes no account of allowances in respect of life insurance premiums and children, which in many cases would substantially reduce the tax payable.

With regard to incomes large enough to pay super-tax, the return shows that next year, with the double rates, a man with an income of £100,000 will be paying over 5s. in the £. His income tax will amount to £12,500 and his super-tax to £12,745 10s. 8d., a total of £25,245 10s. 8d., a virtual rate of 5s. 6d. in the £. Under the original Finance Act of last session he is paying a total of £12,622 15s. 4d., or 2s. 6-1/2d. in the £, and under the additional rates for this year he will pay £16,330 11s. 1d., a virtual rate of 3s. 4-1/2d. in the £. A man with an income of £75,000 will also have to pay 5s. in the £ next year while those with incomes of £30,000 will be paying 4s. 9-1/2d.

BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR.

THE PAINS OF IDLENESS.

The reports about British soldiers who are interned as prisoners of war are unanimous on one point. The greatest hardship they suffer is the reaction from their tremendous labours. As a rule they are given little work to do and this produces languor, also a depression of spirits. Several Dutch journalists who have been permitted to visit the German camp at Döberitz, where the British prisoners are kept, independently lay stress on this, the more so, perhaps, that they were all also immensely impressed by the splendid physique of our men. These observers found the condition of the camp quite satisfactory in other respects. The soldiers were then still occupying large tents, but a great range of barracks was nearly completed, and into these winter quarters the prisoners may possibly have been moved already. The barracks have been built to house far larger numbers even than those of the British prisoners returned in the inflated German lists. At the end of last month, there seem to have been about 4,000 in the camp including many of the Naval Brigade from Antwerp. The new barracks, which have been very costly to construct, are evidently intended for permanent purposes. Döberitz, which is the well-known manoeuvring ground of the Guards, has also become an important flying ground. Our men appear to get sufficient food, wholesome in quality, but served sans knife, which is their main complaint about messing. The correspondents' reports speak as if the prisoners had plenty of cigarettes also. In fact, it was their listless lounging, cigarette in mouth, which roused their visitors' sympathy. These bronzed, athletic soldiers were so evidently hard put to it to pass the time doing nothing, and yet employment could be found for them only on one day out of three. Too many Germans out of work are clamouring for a job to permit of the British competing with them, even in hewing and drawing for the camp.

Exactly the same story comes from Holland about the British interned at Gengenot. The Dutch have endeavoured to keep up a supply of newspapers and magazines, and so many of these are now being sent in from among themselves as well as from home that there is at present no need of more. Books are always welcome. But more active entertainment is what is most wanted, and a small committee in Amsterdam are making an appeal to their countrymen, which no doubt they will be glad to have published, for all the materials of gymnastic and fencing exercises. It is difficult to get a supply of these in Holland at present, for there has been a run on them for the Dutch troops, which have been mobilised for months, and require them as much as the prisoners. So the committee are collecting from where they can fells, masks, gloves, rings, vaulting horses, ropes, spring-boards, mattresses, even parallel bars for the various exercises that will help to keep the prisoners fit during their enforced inactivity in wartime.

Lieut. the Hon. E. Hardinge, son of the Viceroy of India, died of wounds at Folkestone last month. He had been employed on reconnaissance and had done so well that his work had been brought to the notice of Brigadier-General Kavanagh. His name was sent to General headquarters for a reward. The King gave him a D.S.O. Meanwhile he was badly wounded and died of blood poisoning.

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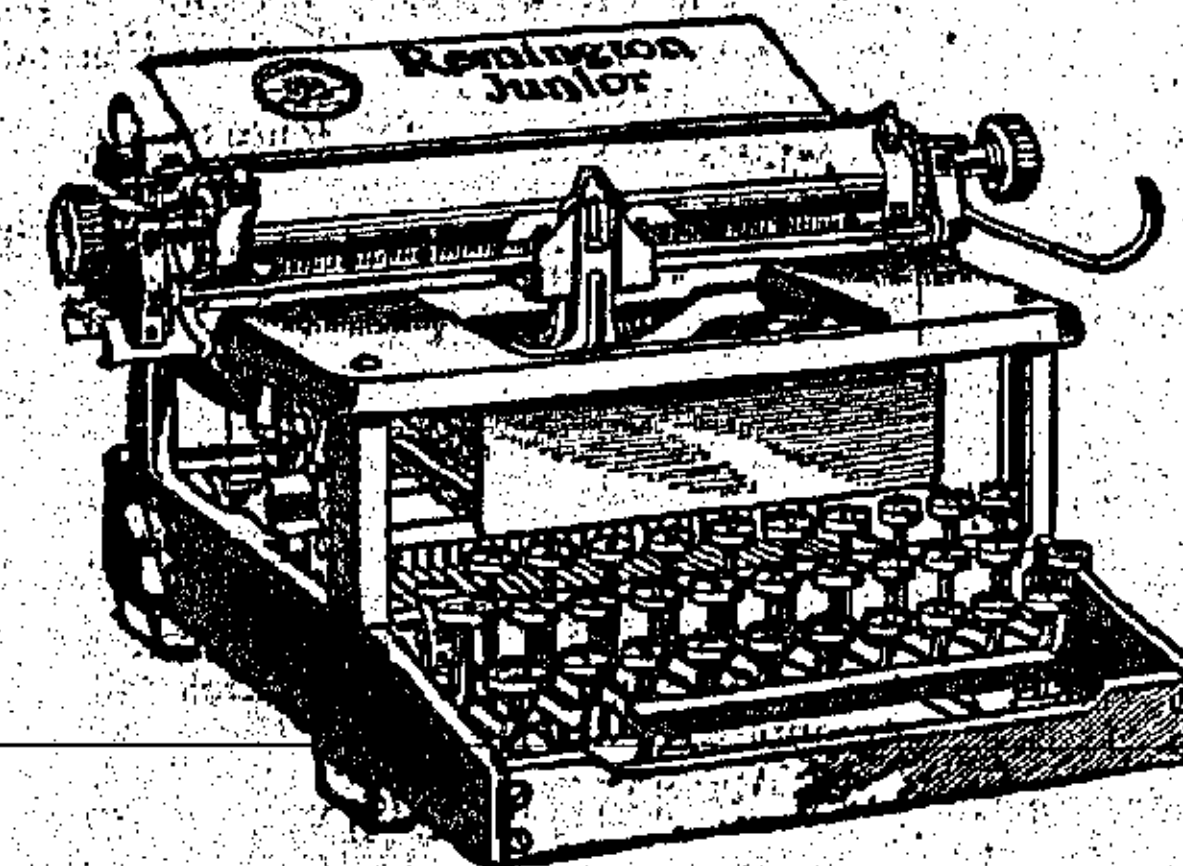
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Hongkong, 30th November, 1914. [49]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.
NOTICE.

CAPTAIN'S CUP COMPETITION.

THE JANUARY CAPTAIN'S CUP COMPETITION will be played over Happy Valley from the 9th to 11th inst., inclusive.

K. M. CUMMING,
Hon. Secretary,
R. H. G. C.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1915. [144]

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Hongkong, 8th January, 1915. [145]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "BENALDER,"
FROM MIDDLESBURY, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 21st inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chipped and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th inst., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1915. [143]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Underwriter and Licensee of the Business of the HONGKONG DAILY PRESS and CHUNG NGOT SAN PO Cessed on 31st December, 1914.

D. WARREN SMITH,
Hongkong, 31st December, 1914. [132]

NOTICE.

TO all whom it may Concern, the Underwriter will as from the 1st day of January, 1915, carry on Business as Import, Export, Merchant and Commission Agent under his own name, having severed all connections with the firm of P. SUFFRENTI & Co.

A. GALLOTTI,
Hongkong, 31st December, 1914. [134]

NOTICE.

MR. GERALD GEORGE WOOD has This Day been admitted as a Partner in our Firm.

LEIGH & ORANGE,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1915. [137]

NOTICE.

MR. W. G. WORCESTER has been Appointed under the Alien Enemies (Winding up) Ordinance, 1914, Liquidator of the Business and Affairs of Messrs. GABRIEL, BORNES & Co., Merchants and Commission Agents.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between GEORFFREY CHARLES MOXON, JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR, WILLIAM GILBERT WORCESTER and EDWARD MAURICE RAYMOND, carrying on business at Victoria, Hongkong, as Sharebrokers under the Style or Firm of MOXON & TAYLOR, has been Dissolved by the effluxion of time as from the 30th day of September, 1914, so far as Concerns the said WILLIAM GILBERT WORCESTER, who has retired from the said firm. The said GEORFFREY CHARLES MOXON, JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR and EDWARD MAURICE RAYMOND will continue to carry on the said Business in Partnership under the same Style or Firm of MOXON & TAYLOR.

G. C. MOXON,
J. W. TAYLOR,
W. G. WORCESTER,
E. M. RAYMOND.
January 1st, 1915.

THE Undersigned has commenced Business as a Merchant and Commission Agent, as from the 1st January 1915, under the Style of W. G. WORCESTER & Co., at King's Buildings, Connaught Road, Victoria, Hongkong.

W. G. WORCESTER,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1915. [123]

FRENCH LESSONS

G. MOUSSON,

15, MORRISON HILL ROAD.

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DIRECTORY

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CHRONICLE

FOR CHINA, JAPAN, STRAITS, Etc.,
FOR 1915.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 31st December, 1914.

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GODOWNS, New Praya, Kennedy Town.
GODOWNS, at Wanchai Road.
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1915. [38]

TO LET—AT THE PEAK.

NO. 2, STEWART TERRACE.
Furnished.
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H. E. POLLOCK,
5, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1914. [53]

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NO. 6, CONDUIT ROAD—Repairs,
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H. M. H. NEMAZEE,
10, Des Vaux Road.
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1914. [47]

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A HOUSE in Kowloon Terrace,
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
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Hongkong, 4th January, 1915. [45]

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NO. 2, OBSERVATORY VILLAS,
Kowloon, Tennis Court.
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ABBATON V. APCAR & Co.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1914. [59]

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1915. [35]

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FIRST FLOOR of 11, Queen's Road Central, from 1st March next, now occupied by the Telephone Company.
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THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LTD.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1914. [56]

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HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE
Co., Ltd.,
Alexander Buildings.
Hongkong, 12th November, 1914. [105]

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NO. 163, THE PEAK, "THE KENNELS."
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
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Hongkong, 1st January, 1915. [54]

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NO. 19, BELLIOS TERRACE.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 8TH, 1915.

THE WEST RIVER.

We are interested to learn from the Peking papers that the important subject of conservancy work in the regions of the West River has been engaging the Central Government, a petition on the subject having been addressed to the Minister of the Interior by Mr. LIANG SHIH-YI, the Director-General of the Customs Administration, bearing the signatures of over a hundred prominent Cantonese residing in Peking. The petition implored the Central Government "to appoint an experienced official to supervise the work of draining the West River in order to make impossible the recurrence of a calamity such as that of last August." As a matter of fact, one of the Government's European experts had just come down from Peking to report on the state of the rivers in Kwangtung when the great flood occurred, and we are informed that another expert is at the present moment on his way to the West River from Peking. Meanwhile the damage done to the dykes and river banks by the floods of last year is being repaired by the people of the localities affected, the cost being defrayed out of the funds raised last year by public subscriptions in Hongkong and elsewhere for the relief of the distress occasioned by the floods. Only about a week ago we published a report on the subject by Mr. A. E. Woon, who was appointed by the Colonial Government to assist the Chinese officials in expending to the best advantage the large sum of money raised in Hongkong, amounting in the aggregate to nearly \$350,000. In his report Mr. Woon incidentally remarked that in carrying out the repairs the people were "doing their best, according to their time-honoured customs." This means, we suppose, that the work is not being done under competent supervision and that there is a possibility that what is being done now might have to be done over again next year, or whenever the water again puts the embankments to the test. Mention was

made in Mr. Woon's report of the fact that the Hongkong Government had kindly lent the services of one of its executive engineers who was able to spare a week of his valuable time in order to advise on certain questions of construction, and the report told us that his practical advice on many points was very helpful. This is the kind of practical help China needs. Millions of dollars are constantly being wasted in China on work of this character simply because the Chinese cannot be persuaded that river conservancy work is a matter requiring supervision by men who are trained in the science of engineering and have made a special study of such problems. It would be amusing if it were really not so pitiful to observe that an Admiral of the Fleet has been selected to superintend the work, in response to the request of the Cantonese in Peking who asked for the appointment of "a capable and experienced officer." China to-day has not a few first-class railway engineers, and possibly there are also to be found a few Chinese engineers trained abroad, who have made a study of river conservancy work, and who would be far better qualified to supervise such work than an Admiral. Some day we suppose every provincial government in China will have its staff of trained engineers to advise upon and superintend public works of this character, and the President of the Republic may then be content to leave such matters as river conservancy to the local authorities. It cannot be said in this matter, at all events, that the President has shown greater wisdom or knowledge of affairs than the local official, for the proposals contained in the petition which he has sanctioned appear to be of the vaguest character. Briefly they amount to this: that the West River shall be properly drained "with all haste" in order that there may be no more flooding of the surrounding country; that part of the relief funds shall be used for surveying the river; and that the funds for the whole "gigantic work" shall be raised by contributions from the rich riparian landowners and by a tax on the rice exported. In this way the petition says "an enormous sum will be secured for the improvement of the river." If Admiral TAN HOUER-RENG, who has been appointed to "superintend the undertaking," answers the description of a "capable and experienced official" he will first of all get competent people to advise him as to what work is necessary and to furnish plans and carefully detailed estimates of the cost. It will then be time enough to consider the ways and means of raising the necessary funds.

A telegram received at the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 11.15 a.m. yesterday reported a cyclone or typhoon S.E. of Naha, moving N.E.

Mr. Mellis-Smith, son-in-law of the Rev. M. C. Mackenzie, of Wuking-fu, Swatow, has obtained a commission in the new Army and on his way to England, accompanied by Mrs. Mellis-Smith.

The Rev. A. D. Stewart was the speaker at a further meeting at the City Hall yesterday in connection with the Week of Prayer. The subject was "Missions, and the Jews." Major S. T. Webborn presided over a good attendance.

The Week of Prayer meeting to-day at 5.30 p.m. will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, instead of the City Hall, when the Rev. N. C. Pope will preside and Mr. Y. C. Yen, of the University, will speak. Subjects, "Families, Schools and Colleges, and the Young."

The second evening performance of "Snow-White and the Frog Prince" is to be given at the Theatre Royal to-morrow. Apart from the sumptuous manner in which the Ballet is mounted—many visitors have expressed their surprise on hearing that the production is an amateur one—it must not be forgotten that the proceeds are to be devoted to a very excellent cause in the Belgian Relief Fund. It is not so very long ago that refugees from the country of our gallant Allies were arriving in England at the rate of 7,000 per day. Many of them landed with nothing more than the clothes they were wearing and the work of providing food and housing accommodation for the poor, distressed people was one of no little magnitude. A Committee was formed under the presidency of Lord Gladstone to raise funds with which to render assistance. The Hon. Secretary of this Committee is Lady Lugard, of 51, Rutland Gate, and it is very apt that the amount realised by the production of "Snow-White" and the "Blue Bird" should be contributed to the Belgian Relief Fund through the medium of the wife of a former Governor of Hongkong.

CLAIM AGAINST THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO.

SEQUEL TO REPAIRING OF STEAMER.

The action was resumed yesterday before the Chief Justice in which the Man Shing Lee firm, 10 Western Street, sued the Green Island Cement Company. The claim is for \$3,816 for work done and material supplied by plaintiffs to the defendants' steamship *Chingchow* between September 11th and October 30th, 1913.

Mr. Eldon Potter (instructed by Mr. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings & Hastings) was for plaintiffs, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. Hung, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon & Harston) for defendants.

At the previous hearings which took place before Christmas the defence set up was that the contract concerned in the action was made with the Tung Yick firm, and plaintiff had only been looked upon as one of their foremen. Plaintiff had never had any transactions with the defendant Company, and his claim to have done extra work, outside the contract at the direction of Capt. Arthur, of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, (the Company's Marine Superintendents) was wrong, because Capt. Arthur had not the authority to order to the extent alleged without consulting the Company. All this was denied by the plaintiff and subsequently the action was adjourned to see if some arrangement could not be come to between the plaintiff and the Company. The directors of the latter, however, after consideration of the matter, decided to contest the issue.

There was a long legal argument yesterday morning as to the admissibility of the evidence of Mr. Shields, secretary to the defendant Company, and subsequently his lordship decided to hear this witness but reserve his decision as to whether it should be accepted or not.

Mr. Shields said that the work which was contracted to be done by the Tung Yick firm was to take up the old decks and replace them with decks of new wood according to the directions given by Capt. Arthur, and also all other work incidental to the decks was to be done by the Tung Yick. The ship's fittings, which were attached and which would be disturbed by the raising of the decks, including the cabins, had to be replaced. During the progress of the work he had several interviews with the Tung Yick's representative, as Capt. Arthur had complained of the slow progress which was being made. He was unable to say that he had seen the plaintiff before, but he must have seen him on board the boat. But he had never had any business transactions with him. As to Capt. Arthur's authority, he was the Marine Superintendent of the Company and looked after technical details in connection with the steamer and ordered any necessary repairs or renewals to be done.

In answer to his lordship Mr. Shields said that Capt. Arthur had ordered authority in regard to small details; but he could not order and pass a big contract, of course. Capt. Arthur had seen the Company with regard to the Tung Yick contract and it was accepted by them. Replying to Mr. Potter witness said admittedly there was some work done on the ship which was outside Tung Yick's contract. Capt. Arthur had instructed someone to do that extra work.

Mr. Potter—Now with regard to Capt. Arthur's authority. Assuming the repairing of the cabins was outside the contract, and assuming Capt. Arthur ordered the repairs to be done, would your Company refuse to pay for them and then raise the defence as to whether he had authority to do so or not?—We should pay, because he is our employee.

Mr. Potter—That is one of your defences to this action, though.

Mr. Jenkin then intimated that in view of what Mr. Shields had just said he would withdraw the defence of Capt. Arthur's authority.

Mr. W. G. Hobbs, assistant in Messrs. Shawan, Tones & Co., in the course of his evidence, said that plaintiff had never come to the office in connection with the repairs to the steamer alone. He was always accompanied by the representative of the Tung Yick Company. Until that day witness had not seen a detailed bill for "extras" in connection with the steamer. When Tung Yick's representative mentioned extras to him witness told him that the directors would have to decide whether they would enforce penalties in connection with the work and that in view of this the Tung Yick's should waive their claim for extras. At one time in the negotiations witness asked Fung Shuen (Tung Yick's representative) who plaintiff was, and Fung Shuen replied "b'long my partner." When he received a letter from Messrs. Hastings & Hastings demanding payment of a bill on behalf of Man Shing Lee he looked up his books to see if they had had any other transactions with the man and he found that Man Shing Lee had been paid \$100 for skylight doors fitted on the steamer.

Mr. Potter closely cross-examined witness as to the identity of plaintiff, but witness said that he had no doubt on the matter, he had seen him nine or ten times.

Mr. Potter—When you have seen someone nine or ten times you know them for all time, then?—No, I won't say that. You realise that this case practically depends on the question of identification?—Yes.

And you, I suppose, have heard of cases of mistaken identity?—I have, but this is the man who came to my office.

His lordship then asked—Assuming this man was charged with murder, or burglary, and you had seen him nine or ten times, would you be prepared to swear that he was the man?—Yes, I should be prepared to swear.

Mr. Jenkin—But, of course, he would not see a burglar who was burgling his house nine or ten times, I presume. (Laughter.)

Witness added that he had no doubt on the point of identification.

The hearing was adjourned.

CLAIM FOR ADVERTISING FEES.

PLAINTIFFS NON-SUITED.

In the Summary Court yesterday, the *Hongkong Telegraph* sued Lee Wo & Co. and Hee Cheong, as managing partner thereof, to recover \$169.00 balance of advertising fees due from November 1st, 1913, to May 8th, 1914.

Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for plaintiffs and Mr. C. A. S. Russ (of Mr. J. H. Gardiner's office) was for defendants.

Mr. Goldring said the writ was originally issued against the Queen's Road Central Company and Hee Cheong, but was amended because it was found that the company had transferred its business to the present defendant company. On May 13th the manager of the *Hongkong Telegraph* entered into a contract with the Queen's Road Central Company to insert their advertisement for 12 months for a sum of \$350, to be paid monthly. Accounts presented were paid up to October 13th, 1913, the amount received being \$180.49, leaving the balance claimed. It appeared that some time in November the Queen's Road Central Company purported to have parted with their business to someone else who some time subsequently transferred it to a limited company. Of the first assignment and subsequent transfer to the company the plaintiffs received no notice whatever. They issued the writ against the Queen's Road Central Company whose advertisement continued to appear in the paper, and he understood that now the defendants denied liability on the ground that they did not take over the liabilities of that company.

His Lordship said he did not see what right of action plaintiffs had against the limited company.

Mr. Goldring replied that they must have seen the advertisement running in the paper.

His Lordship said he could not hold that the Lee Wo should be made responsible for another firm's contract.

Mr. Goldring subsequently withdrew his claim as against the Lee Wo and proceeded with the claim only as against Hee Cheong as managing partner of the company.

Mr. Russ said Hee Cheong was not a partner of the Queen's Road Central Co., but only manager.

His Lordship gave costs against plaintiff in regard to the withdrawal of the claim as against the firm, and as to the claim against Hee Cheong non-suited plaintiffs, with costs.

INSUBORDINATE SAILOR.

TROUBLE ON "DRUMELTAN" WHILE SHIP WAS AFIRE.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Commander Basil Tylor, R.N., Ferdinand Christian Andersen, a Scandinavian, was charged with continual disobedience of the lawful commands of the captain of the *Drumeltan*, and, further, with assault.

The defendant pleaded not guilty.

Captain A. Watt said that at about 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, while he was saying good-bye to some friends in his cabin, the defendant came to him and demanded some whiskey. Witness told him to go away, but he would not do so and commenced to create a disturbance. The captain thereupon pushed him out of the cabin, but the prisoner remained outside until 6 o'clock, continually demanding more whiskey.

The next time witness saw him was at about 5 a.m. on Wednesday when he again asked for whiskey. In the meantime the fire on board the ship had been discovered. Witness refused him the liquor that he demanded and told him to get on with his work. He refused, and they had to neglect the fire while they were dealing with the defendant. A struggle eventually took place, and the defendant struck him on the chest.

The defendant averred that he was sick and did not do what he was told because he could not. He might have said a word or two, but he did not cause any disturbance. He was standing in the fore-castle when the mate told him that unless he came out he would put him in irons. The mate produced a pair of rusty handcuffs to do this and he remarked, "If you are going to put me in irons, you will have to clean them first." He asserted that the captain hit him twice on the head with something blunt and he hit back.

The Magistrate remarked that there was no doubt that the defendant was under the influence of drink and had behaved in a most disorderly manner.

Defendant was sent to prison for three months with hard labour.

THE WAR.

STATEMENT BY LORD KITCHENER.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE TO PROGRESS.

BRITISH NAVAL ACTIVITY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LORD KITCHENER REVIEWS THE SITUATION.

"A TRIUMPHANT END" IN VIEW.

LONDON, January 6th.
6.30 p.m.

The House of Lords re-opened to-day. Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, in the course of a speech, paid a glowing tribute to General Sir Louis Botha, and said the situation in South Africa had undergone a most welcome change. Sir Louis Botha had handled the situation in a masterly manner, and had stamped out the rebellion. The result gave them great confidence in the success of any future operations Sir Louis Botha might undertake.

Reviewing the last six weeks' fighting, he said the Allies had progressed at various points, but the tide of battle had ebbed and flowed with varying success. The French Army had made noteworthy progress east of Rheims and in southern Alsace. Despite the transfer of Germans to the eastern front, they had left sufficient strength to hold the trenches in the West. German aspirations in Poland had sustained a severe check, and they had evidently realised the infinite difficulty of winter operations.

The extraordinary achievements of the gallant Serbian Army and the Russian victory in the Caucasus would have far-reaching influence on the Turkish operations. The much-talked of advance of the Turks on Egypt had up to the present failed to materialise.

His Lordship went on to say that the German initial advantage—her numerical superiority in the field, and her extensive preparation for war—was certainly diminishing, while the Allies were daily increasing their resources both of men and material, and this would enable them to prosecute the war to a triumphant end. (Loud cheers.) Since Christmas, he was happy to be able to report, recruiting had much improved and had almost reached its former satisfactory level. There was every reason to anticipate fruitful results from the valuable Parliamentary recruiting campaign, which had already secured 216,000 offers of enlistment. The officers' cadres for the Expeditionary Force had been completed, and there was a considerable surplus of officers for training purposes. Indeed, since the beginning of the War 29,100 officers had been appointed.

He was glad to be in a position to announce that, owing to the efforts made by the War Office they had succeeded in gradually overcoming the difficulties that had been experienced in connection with the equipment of the New Army, towards which he looked with every confidence.

Despite the terrible weather conditions, the training of the Canadian contingent was proceeding satisfactorily. The officers and men were imbued with a fine spirit of patriotism and were full of eagerness to get to the front, where, he was confident, they would worthily support their gallant comrades. (Loud cheers.)

Lord Curzon urged that the utmost number of men should be sent to the front with the least delay. He believed that considerably more than two millions would be needed, possibly nearer three millions. His lordship expressed the utmost satisfaction with recent events in Europe and paid a tribute to the Indian troops. He hoped their numbers were being maintained.

Lord Kitchener replied in the affirmative.

PRESS COMMENTS ON THE SPEECH.

The Press of all shades of opinion welcome Lord Kitchener's statement, which is described as being dominated by a note of sober confidence. There is, however, a general disposition to regret the paucity of detailed information, particularly in regard to the subject of recruiting. The articles in the newspapers lay especial stress upon the encouraging response which has been received to the call for officers—a response which disposes of the German argument that Great Britain would never be able to find sufficient leaders for her increased force.

The Press likewise pays a warm tribute to the work of the troops in the Colonies, which, it says, is no less praiseworthy than that performed by those troops who are fighting in Flanders.

FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FIERCE GERMAN ATTACKS.

THE VOLUNTEER ITALIAN REGIMENT ENGAGED.

LONDON, January 6th.
5.25 p.m.

To-day's Paris *communiqué* says:—The Germans made two unsuccessful attacks along the Belgian dunes, and to the south-east of St. George's. Otherwise, there were only artillery duels to the Oise.

Our batteries along the Aisne and at a Rheims sector silenced the enemy's guns. We progressed 100 metres north-westward of Rheims.

A vigorous action developed in Argonne, enabling us to recapture 300 metres of trenches at Bois de la Grurie, where a slight bending-in had been previously reported.

Fierce German attacks at Bagatelle and Fontaine Madame were repulsed.

Near a ravine at Courte Chausse we mined and blew up 800 metres of German trenches, of which we occupied half.

Colonel Garibaldi, with an Italian Regiment (volunteers), made a vigorous charge at Courte Chausse into the breach made by the explosion, and captured 120 prisoners. The Colonel's brother, Constantine, was killed during the attack.

Bad weather continues from Argonne to the Vosges, with fog and mud. Though there have been lively artillery actions, we continued to gain ground at Bois-le-Pretre.

We maintained our gains in the Thann district, despite a violent cannonade both at Steinhach and on the trenches to the north-east and north-west of Steinhach. The enemy regained one of his old trenches on the flank adjoining the hill of which we retain the summit.

LONDON, January 7th.
2.00 a.m.

The evening *communiqué* issued at Paris reports:—A lively cannonade occurred in the region of Zillebeke. Our positions were maintained in Argonne and we progressed slightly in Shirlzbach wood near Altkirch.

The *Times* correspondent in Flanders states that three Zeppelins were reported on Wednesday morning to have been seen off the coast between Calais and Gravelines. German airmen repeatedly appeared over Dunkirk during the day. Possibly they were scouts covering the movements of airships, for they dropped only one bomb. Twice the intruders were driven off by the airmen of the Allies.

RE-OPENING OF LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Yesterday was the first day of the re-opening of the London Stock Exchange. A considerable amount of business was done, and, contrary to expectations, buyers were more numerous than sellers.

RUSSIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

"ALMOST ENTIRELY ANNIHILATED."

A RUSSIAN BAYONET ATTACK.

LONDON, January 6th.
11.30 p.m.

A Petrograd *communiqué* says: Our troops suddenly attacked Przamys in the region of Miawa, and they almost entirely annihilated the enemy there with the bayonet. Some prisoners were taken. There were only minor engagements on the other fronts.

Our progress was continued in Bukovina, where we occupied, after fighting, four towns, two of which lay along the most direct route to Transylvania.

NAVAL ACTIVITIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SINKING OF THE "FORMIDABLE."

THE CASUALTY LIST.

LONDON, January 7th.

The Admiralty have issued a list giving the names of 517 men who were lost by the foundering of H.M.S. *Formidable*.

According to the German newspapers wireless information has been received that a submarine sank H.M.S. *Formidable*. Although pursued by British destroyers the submarine made good its escape.

[BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE, CABLES.]

BRITISH BOMBARDMENT OF DAR-ES-SALAAM.

British warships have bombarded Dar-es-Salaam, causing considerable damage to the town and completely disabling all enemy vessels in the harbour.

Fourteen Europeans and 20 natives were taken prisoners. The British casualties were one killed, and 12 wounded.

[Dar-es-Salaam is a seaport in German East Africa, the only place on the German coast with a well-sheltered harbour. A railway runs from this port to Ujiji, a distance of 743 miles.]

[DAILY PRESS "EXCLUSIVE TELEGRAMS."]

THE KIACHTA CONFERENCE.

PEKING, January 6th.

The Kiachta Conference has become more amicable. The first six articles have been agreed to.

REVENUE OF KWANGTUNG.

PEKING, January 8th.

The Kwangtung Budget for the fourth year of the Republic estimates the revenue at \$19,400,000.

YOUNG PORTUGUESE SENT TO PRISON.

STEALS A TIN OF CIGARETTES.

Antony Gutierrez, aged 22, described as a typist, of No. 11, Belle Buildings, was sentenced by Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's court yesterday to three months' hard labour for the larceny of a tin of Westminister cigarettes valued at \$1.50, the property of Kelly & Walsh, Limited.

Mr. J. T. Meady, of the complainant firm, said that a lot of pilfering had been going on of late. The defendant had been in the habit of regularly coming to the shop and asking foolish questions. A watch had been kept, and on the previous day Mr. May caught him in the act. The defendant was convicted in 1910, when but 17 years of age, of larceny. The charges against him then were of entering No. 38, Robinson Road and stealing \$50, entering No. 14, Upper Albany, and entering No. 4, Bakington Path. He was then bound over to come up for judgment.

HONGKONG'S WATER SUPPLY.

The monthly water return, issued by the Water Authority, shows that the storage, in millions and decimals gallons, in the City and Hill district water works amounted to 690.88, which is considerably in excess of last year's figures, which at the end of December, 1913, stood at 609.10.

The consumption of water in the same district during December was 153.51 million gallons by an estimated population of 259,519, the average consumption per head per day being 19.1 gallons. In December, 1913, the consumption by an estimated population of 255,919 was 130.19 million gallons. In that month, however, there was only an intermittent supply by the rider mains in the rider main districts, whereas in the month under review there was a constant supply in all districts.

The Kowloon waterworks had a storage of 350.73 million gallons at the beginning of the year, an excess of more than 21 million gallons over the storage at the same time last year. During December 33.19 million gallons were consumed by an estimated population of 95,600, the average per head per day being 11.2 gallons. The average per head per day in December, 1913, was 10.9 gallons, the total consumption being 31.95 million gallons, by an estimated population of 93,800.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

[FROM SOUTHERN PAPERS.]

THE NAVAL FIGHT OFF THE FALKLANDS.

HOW THE GERMANS WERE SURPRISED.

RAKED FROM STEM TO STERN.

LONDON, December 27th. Monte Video despatches received at New York describe the officers of Admiral Sturdee's squadron as being most gleeful at outwitting the German Intelligence Department in bringing two battle-cruisers to reinforce the remnants of Admiral Craddock's squadron without the enemy's knowledge.

The battle-cruisers, with the *Canopus*, *Carnarvon*, *Corwall*, *Bristol* and *Glasgow*, arrived at Port Stanley on December 27th, and the battle-cruisers entered the landlocked bay and were hidden from view.

The Germans appeared on the morning of the 28th with the evident intention of surprising and seizing Port Stanley.

GERMANS TRAPPED.

They attacked the British squadron, which repelled the action was already furious and apparently evenly contested when the two battle-cruisers came tearing out of the narrow harbour entrance. The German Admiral, realising he was in a trap, signalled his squadron to scatter, but it was too late, as already they were within range.

The *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* immediately became targets for the battle-cruisers' salvoes, the smaller cruisers engaging other German ships.

The *Invincible*, which was leading, received the brunt of the German fire. The *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* fought desperately and got home several 8-in. broadsides on the *Invincible*, but they riddled harmlessly on the heavy armour. The *Scharnhorst* justified her reputation as the best target-practice ship of the Kaiser's navy. Her shells exploded in a few moments on the *Invincible*'s decks. One wrecked a wardroom, but nobody was hurt.

GERMAN CRUISERS BATTERED.

Meanwhile, the salvoes of the 12-inch guns were methodically battering the German ships to pieces, raking them from stem to stern, and gaping holes appeared in their sides.

Flames began to leap from the upper parts of the *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau*, whose guns were gradually silenced, but there was no hint of surrender. Admiral von Spee's flag was kept flying, and was last seen on the *Scharnhorst* as she and the *Gneisenau* sank with their last guns blazing defiance.

"LEIPZIG" INCIDENT.

The *Glasgow* was overtaking the *Leipzig*. At the end of two hours the *Leipzig* was afire, and as she was sinking she hauled down her colours and hoisted a white flag.

The *Glasgow* ran close alongside and lowered her boats, but as the latter started another gun was fired from the *Leipzig*, the shell exploding on the *Glasgow*'s deck. A broadside from the *Glasgow* then sank the *Leipzig*.

The British officers regret this as the outcome of the heat of battle, as they are inclined to believe the *Leipzig*'s last shot was accidental.

Most of the British casualties were aboard the *Glasgow*.

The other British cruisers later overhauled the *Nuernberg*, which refused to surrender and was speedily sent to the bottom. Her destruction proved the salvation of the *Dresden* and the *Prinz Eitel Friedrich*, as the Britishers stopped to save the *Nuernberg*'s survivors.

Another account of the fight says the *Gneisenau* was without ammunition when she sank. Some officers stood at attention and the ship's glee club lined the after deck and sang the "Wacht am Rhein"; others were busy preparing to escape, as the captain had ordered every man for himself. Many of the *Gneisenau*'s crew were rescued, including several officers. The Germans saved have been sent to England.

THE LAW OF LIBEL.

PROTECTION FOR NEWSPAPERS.

The *Straits Settlements Gazette* publishes the text of a Bill to be introduced shortly to amend the law of libel. The main objects and reasons are given as under:—

The main object of this Bill is to extend protection to newspaper reports of the proceedings of public meetings and of various public bodies. To reports of such meetings no privilege attaches at common law. Reports of judicial proceedings are alone privileged. Hence if a report of proceedings of a public meeting containing any defamatory statement of fact is printed in a newspaper, the proprietor has no defence to an action for damages unless he can prove the statement to be literally true. The fact that the report was fair and accurate will not avail him.

2.—This Bill puts such reports on the same footing as reports of judicial proceedings. In other words, the proprietor of a newspaper will only be liable in an action for libel for the publication in his newspaper of a fair and accurate report of the proceedings of a public meeting, if it is proved that he has acted maliciously in publishing the proceedings.

3.—By clause 12 absolute privilege or immunity in respect of defamations is given to members of the Legislative Council—A privilege which by the common law of England is enjoyed by the members of the two Houses of Parliament.

4.—All the other clauses are taken from Imperial Statutes which were passed with the view of putting the law relating to libel on a more satisfactory footing.

The *Temps* publishes a circular left in quarters by German officers which gives directions to avoid waste of ammunition and states as a reason therefor that German industry working at full pressure is unable to provide the army with munitions indefinitely.

WAR NEWS.

THE KAISER'S FEAR.

Order by the Kaiser to his Army found in East Prussia:—

"The hour of trial has come for you and for all Germany. You must put forth the utmost energy; otherwise Germany, the fair and free, will become an enslaved and humiliated province of Russia and France."

"Not a step backward in our own country. Remember that behind ruin awaits us. Forward only are happiness and success."

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE BRITISH TROOPS.

Princess Mary's Fund for providing Christmas gifts for the troops totalled on December 32nd, £163,000 sterling. The soldiers were very keenly anticipating merry-making. French military cooks were learning to make plum-pudding and Mr. Seymour Hicks had arranged to take a company of leading artists to give a week's entertainments to the soldiers on the lines of communication.

GALLANT GARWHALS.

The following from a responsible source has been communicated to the Viceroy by the Secretary of State:—

"In fighting on the 23rd November to 24th November it fell to the 30th Garwhal Rifles (1st Battalion) to make a final assault which owing to its well-considered and gallant character was entirely successful. The attack proceeded from trenches on the flank, which had remained in our possession, and the Garwhals' task was to capture, successively, sections of a trench divided by traverses along 300 yards of the line. The operation was difficult, and complicated by the intense darkness. With dash and courage and initiative two young British officers of the Royal Engineers, and a well-known Frontier force regiment respectively, preceded the Garwhals against the first section, and by throwing bombs across the traverses cleared the way for the head of the 30th Garwhal Rifles (1st Battalion); the First Company of which soon cleared half a dozen sections, but was then at a standstill owing to a block being caused by the number of prisoners. The second company, brought round from the rear, jumped into the trenches beyond, and forced successively the remaining dozen traverses. Naik Darwan Singh Negi led repeated furious attacks in spite of the flanking fire from the German front, being first with the bayonet in the narrow trench or climbing the traverse to fire when he could not find out a way round. He was wounded by a bomb when three traverses remained to be captured, and again before the capture of the last two, but continued in the forefront of the attack till the last traverse had been taken and did not report his wounds till they were observed by the company commander when the ranks fell in the next morning."

Official laxity is equally manifest in other matters. Our river routes which used to be considered immune from piracy are now absolutely insecure. Quite recently a steam launch travelling by night in the Han river, about Chaochow city, was denuded, report goes, of ten thousand dollars. In this case, it is reported that suspected persons have been arrested. On the Kityang river to the west the boat population are at their wits' end. Old mooring places are no longer safe. Boats tied close to the water bailiffs' office are pounced upon by robbers in the night and whatever is of value is taken away. The quality of official is surely of a very poor order and 'tis no wonder that people begin to doubt the efficiency of the Republic.

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BRITISH CAVALRY HORSES.

FRENCH ADMIRATION.

An officer in the British Horse Artillery has written from the front a letter of which the following extract will be of interest to lovers of horses:—

"Our horses compare most favourably with those of the French and also, I believe, those of the Germans, though I have not seen many of the latter. As you can imagine, it is only by daily thought and care that one keeps them fit and well. Quite frequently they are added up for every hour of daylight, and, of course, these which have lost flesh will gall in spite of every precaution, but I will undertake to say that not one has a gall bigger than a shilling, while no gall is worked on. The French horses show galls the like of which I never saw before, as big as your hand, and right down to the bone. We can gallop into and out of action any day we are wanted, and we must have averaged twenty-five miles a day for ten days or a fortnight lately, excluding one day's halt. The French always remark favourably on our horses when we pass. Many of these—say, 30 per cent.—would still do credit to a peace battery after doing a bit of work, and few, if any, are an eyesore even to the most fastidious eye."

ARMY OF EXPERTS.

"The men are quite excellent; utterly free from care or preoccupation even in the most ticklish positions. They seem to have a blind faith in their officers, and are well content to leave all the thinking and worrying to them. More than once they never had their feet or shirts really dry for two or three days on end, and few of them have changed their shirts and socks much; yet one never hears them 'grousing,' and they never say a word on the subject unless they are asked. In action and under fire they have been absolutely steady and regardless of shells, etc. The signallers, for instance, kneel to attention, and never turn their heads a fraction when shells burst close to them. There is no doubt that our army out here is one of real professionals and experts. The hard work they have had to put in since soldiering became a serious profession has had its effect, and the old reproach of the underworked and amateur British officer has been wiped out for good. I believe that French and Germans alike acknowledge the efficiency of the British Army."

NO MORE LOANS.

The President has sent a circular telegram to all the provinces, prohibiting the provincial authorities from borrowing foreign money. The telegram is summarised by the *Peking Daily News* as follows:—

"With proper and efficient management, each province can possess a sound financial system, and there will be no need to have recourse to foreign loans. The making of loans always shows that there is some defect in the financial management. From now on, no more foreign loans shall be contracted by the provinces, and all negotiations now going on in this connection shall cease at once."

SWATOW NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

RECURRENCE OF POPPY PLANTING.

We had hoped that, in terms of agreement with foreign Powers, the Chinese authorities were meeting with great success in eradicating from their land the opium poppy. We fear, however, that in the Swatow and Kityang districts there is a very decided recrudescence of poppy planting. Two facts are clearly evident: the people (agricultural), knowing the value of the plant, are fearless as far as the authorities are concerned in the matter; they do not fear the transgressing of the strongly-worded enactments of the Republic against opium growing; and, on the other hand, it is too obvious that the officers of the Government show no capacity in dealing with the matter. On the launches that ply up and down on inland rivers soldiers are always in evidence. They appear in their indigo uniforms—with rifle and bandolier well stocked with ammunition. As in the days of "Old China," they form small groups on the deck and enjoy card-playing to while away the dreary hours of travel. They inform the enquirer that they are en route for certain places in order to suppress opium growing and to punish defaulters. Yet the defaulters still grow opium with impunity. How is it? The soldiers take bribes and their superiors make no strict inquiries.

PILGRIM ON THE RIVERS.

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THE TEMPORARY ARMY COMMISSIONS.

The Hongkong Volunteer Corps Orders announce that Sergt. Ben Fletcher Chapman, H.K.V.C., has been granted a commission as temporary 2nd Lieutenant, Royal Garrison Artillery.

The following members of the H.K.V.C. have been accepted for temporary Commissions in the New Service Battalions, for the period of the war:—Messrs. R. A. Stokes and R. W. D. Barney.

Sergeant A. Murdoch, H.K.V.C., has also been granted a temporary commission as Lieutenant in the New Service Battalions.

GARMENTS FOR TROOPS AND REFUGEES.

This week 171 garments have been sent by the women of Hongkong, Canton, Macao, and Swatow to Mrs. L. Hunt, Westmount, Folkestone Road, Dover, to be distributed amongst the families of soldiers and sailors at the front and Belgian Refugees.

Also 2 tins containing 370 sterilized roller bandages and the other four-tailed bandages, which have kindly been made by the women of Macao. These bandages are being sent to Dr. Beavis, who has a field hospital in Belgium.

Most of the working parties having stopped now, Lady May would like to be known that work done by individuals can still be sent to Government House, and St. Andrew's Vicarage, Kowloon. And when there are a sufficient number of articles ready, they will still be sent home through the courtesy of the shipping firms.

LOCAL SPORT.

CIVIL SERVICE v. HONGKONG C.C.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Hongkong Civil Servants on the Club ground to-morrow play commencing at 2 p.m. sharp:—

Major Bowen, D. E. Donnelly, A. L. Gace, R. Kennedy, P. S. Leigh Bennett, M. Maas, E. J. R. Mitchell, S. S. Moore, Major Robertson, H. H. Taylor, and R. P. Thurstfield.

The following will represent the Civil Service:—R. E. O. Bird, C. D. Martin, Hon. R. C. Severn, G. R. Sayer, F. J. de Rome, F. A. Biden, C. Sara, E. B. Reed, E. Sutton, R. C. Wittich, and A. B. Rouse.

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REVIEWS.

The Secret of the German War Office. By ARMAAND KARL GRAVES. London: T. Werner Laurie.

In July, 1912, Dr. Graves, described as a well-built, dark-skinned, foreign-looking man, was convicted at Edinburgh of espionage, and was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment. A few months later, he was released and went to the United States; and questions in Parliament have failed to elicit the reasons for his release. It was while he was engaged in spying into Admiralty secrets at Rosyth, Orkney and Glasgow that Dr. Graves was arrested, but it is quite evident from revelations in recent proceedings in a spy case in London that Dr. Graves was known to the British authorities in London and had been under observation for some time before his arrest. Apart from the fact that he perpetrates some mistakes in the story of his life—as regards his age, his Zulu service (Kim), and the number of times he was posing a Scottish jury—mistakes that are all the more strange when committed by one of his professed training and past experience, he succeeds in writing an extraordinary book, one that gives some idea of the German system of espionage practised by the Kaiser himself, authorities, even by the Kaiser himself. According to Dr. Graves, it was he who carried the verbal message from the Kaiser to the captain of the Panther which prevented the outbreak of war over the Agadir incident in 1911; but the most remarkable portion of the book deals with a conference at one of the Kaiser's hunting lodges in the Taunus hills in October, 1911. This conference of high German and Austrian officials was attended, he says, by "Lord of England, persona grata with the Kaiser, and Mr. M.P., of the British Admiralty." The latter, of course, is Mr. Winston Churchill, and at first we were inclined to believe the other was Lord Haldane; but since he is described subsequently as "not unlike a canon or a bishop, a little ascetic-looking, and rather bald," obviously he was not Lord Haldane. The subject of the conference was an alliance between Great Britain, Germany, and Austria, and we are told the result was to preserve the peace of the Great European Powers during the Balkan War. One of Dr. Graves' first assignments was to obtain information in regard to the new docks and fortifications of the Straits Settlements, a matter upon which we do not offer any comment, and he was in Port Arthur just before the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and Russia, passing through Hongkong from Ceylon. If one bears in mind that diplomatic evasion is a necessary part of a spy's equipment, one can get a good deal of enjoyment out of this small book, and the later chapters dealing with the German army and navy are particularly interesting at this juncture, bearing in mind what the German army and navy have not accomplished.

The Secret of the Night. By GASTON LEROUX. London: Eveleigh Nash.

The author of "The Mystery of the Yellow Room" has contrived a skilful plot out of the machinations of the Nihilists to compass the assassination of General Trebasoff, and the efforts of his devoted wife and official Russia to baffle Nihilist ingenuity. No less a personage than the Tsar interests himself in defending the General, but the central figure of the story is Joseph Rouletabille, the youthful reporter of a Parisian journal, who succeeds in the most wonderful manner in straightening out the tangle when it seems to have gone beyond movement and excitement, and the author reils the denouement so cleverly that it is impossible to foretell what is going to happen. There is more than one thrill in most of the chapters, and the skill with which Rouletabille escapes from the Nihilists, after being tried and condemned to death, is worthy of our own inimitable Sherlock Holmes.

Clubs on Photography: An Easy Guide for Beginners. By W. WALLINGTON. Illustrated. London: T. Werner Laurie.

In these days, when almost everybody has a camera, a handy guide, phrased in comprehensible terms, becomes a necessity for everyone who wishes to derive the greatest amount of enjoyment from his or her snapshotting. The fact that this guide has reached its third edition is evidence that it is appreciated, and we can recommend it unreservedly. Its author has set himself the task of providing the amateur with a friend "who will guide him along the simple and pleasant paths in the photographic forest, preventing him from tripping and falling into the many pitfalls that beset his way, and, having assisted him through his early struggles to a point where he can walk by himself, will leave him fired with the ambition to proceed further with his explorations." Formulas have been introduced as sparingly as possible, so avoiding confusion; and those that have been of necessity included are old and tried friends. Everything that the amateur need know is included in this small and cheap treatise.

Futurist Fifteen: An Old Moore or Less.

Accurate Forecasts of Certain Events in the Year 1915. By BARRY PAINE. With twelve full-page drawings by Alfred Layte, and other illustrations. London: T. Werner Laurie.

Barry Paine never fails to be amusing, and in this broad extravaganza he is at his best. As a parody of our old friend "Old Moore," it leaves nothing to be desired and very little to the imagination. Needless to say, it is not meant to be taken seriously, so it is not necessary to suggest that the war can have any effect upon its many startling predictions. Golf players who had the local links more than "sporting" will read with interest the advertisement of The Magnetic Golf Course, Hanwell, which announces "Steel-cored balls and a magnetised fairway. Once on the green the ball holes itself. Wrong directions impossible. This link is more likely to become popular than the Custos Flink, which has made people swear who never swore before." As a piece of innocent fooling this comic calendar, with its amusing illustrations, will raise a smile on the stiffest upper lip.

Bibliography of Oscar Wilde. By STUART MASON. With a Note by Robert Ross. Illustrated. London: T. Werner Laurie.

Mr. Ross, who, like ourselves, does not pretend to have read this book through, refers to it in his introduction as an "astonishing and ingenious compilation," and no words of ours could describe it better. It is possible to agree with this statement, too, without agreeing with Mr. Ross' subsequent remarks. He prophesied when Wilde died in 1900 that "his writings would in a few years' time excite wider interest than those of any of his contemporaries. Indeed, with the possible exception of Dickens and Byron, I doubt if any other author of the nineteenth century is better known over a more extensive geographical area. By an irony of circumstance the one production of Wilde's pen which never was accorded any of the success which has since been accorded to those of his contemporaries, Dickens and Byron, I doubt if any other author of the nineteenth century is better known over a more extensive geographical area. 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MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"CHINHUA"	On 13th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"KANCHOW"	On 13th Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"TAMING"	On 19th Jan., 4 P.M.

DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER Twice Weekly.
S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANTU".
MANILA LINE—TWIN SCREW STEAMERS "CHINHUA," "TAMING" and "TEAN." Excellent Saloon accommodation Amidships; Electric Fans fitted; Extra State rooms on Deck, aft, on "TAMING" and "TEAN."

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These Steamers Land Passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.

For Freight or Passage apply to—
HONGKONG, 9th January, 1915
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS. [4]

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S.S. "ORISSA" 5,435 tons, Capt. Refson, R.N.R., will be despatched for SHANGHAI, VLADIVOSTOK, KOBE and MOJI on 19th January.

For Freight or passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.,
HONGKONG, 25th December, 1914. AGENTS [29]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS.

HIGHEST Class, Fastest and Most Luxurious Steamers on the Coast, having Splendid Accommodation for First Class Passengers. Electric Light. Excellent Cuisine.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 9 to 10 Days)

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
"HAICHING"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	SATURDAY, 9th Jan., at 3 P.M.
"HAIYANG"	Capt. A. E. Hodgins	TUESDAY, 11th Jan., at 1 P.M.
"HAITAN"	Capt. J. W. Evans	FRIDAY, 15th Jan., at 1 P.M.

FOR SWATOW AND RETURN (Occupying 3 Days).

"HAIMUN" ... Capt. A. H. Stewart ... SUNDAY, 10th Jan., at 10 A.M.

* The s.s. "Haiching" Calling at Swatow for Passengers only. Steamers will arrive at and Depart from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

For Freight and Passage, apply to—

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.
HONGKONG, 8th January, 1915. [3]

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA VIA MANILA.

MAIL SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

STEAMER	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
ALDENHAM	...	On 29th Jan., 11 A.M.

The above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity. A State-Rooms have Electric Fans. A duly qualified Doctor and Stewards are carried. For further particulars apply to

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SAN FRANCISCO LINE.

VIA SHANGHAI, MANILA, THE INLAND SEA. JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Sailings from Hongkong—Subject to Change Without Notice

Steamer	Displacement Tons and Speed.	Leave Hongkong.
TENYO MARU	22,000—21 knots	TUES., 26th Jan.
*NIPPON MARU	11,200—13 knots	TUESDAY, 9th Feb.
SHINYO MARU	22,000—21 knots	TUES., 23rd Feb.
CHIYO MARU	22,000—21 knots	...

* Via MANILA, Omitting Shanghai.

Steamers via Shanghai leave at Noon.
"Manila" at 10.30 A.M.

FIRST CLASS TO LONDON	£71.10...	RETURN (6 MONTHS) £120.
FIRST CLASS TO NEW YORK	£60.	£96.10.
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VIA JAPAN PORTS, HONOLULU, HILO, MANZANILLO. SALINA CRUZ, CALLAO, IQUIQUE AND VALPARAISO.

THENCE BY

TRANS-ANDERSON ROUTE TO BUENOS AIRES.

Steamer	Displacement Tons and Speed	Sails
KIYO MARU	17,200—15 knots	Saturday, 9th Jan.

For Full Particulars as to Passage and Freight, apply to—

O. WURID, ACTING AGENT,
King's Building.

TELEPHONE 291.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR SERVICES. PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

THE AMERICAN LINE TO TACOMA AND SEATTLE.

In Connection with

THE CHICAGO MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY CO.

For VICTORIA and TACOMA VIA KEELUNG, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI and YOKOHAMA.

Steamer	Captain	Leaving
"TACOMA MARU"	T. Hamada	THURSDAY, 23rd Jan., at 3 P.M.
"PANAMA MARU"	J. Kanno	WED'DAY, 19th Feb., at 5 P.M.

These Newly-Built Steamers of American Line have fair speed and are fitted with the Wireless Apparatus. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, Treasure and Parcels.

FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, PORT SWETTENHAM PENANG AND COLOMBO.

Steamer	Captain	Leaving
"MALAY MARU"	K. Suwa	THURSDAY, 21st Jan., A.M.

FOR FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain	Leaving
"KAIJO MARU"	Y. Yamamoto	MONDAY, 11th Jan., at Noon.

FOR TAMSUI AND KEELUNG VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain	Leaving
"DAIUN MARU"	K. Murakami	SUNDAY, 10th Jan., at 10 A.M.
"DAIGI MARU"	S. Tokushige	SUNDAY, 17th Jan., at 10 A.M.

FOR ANPING AND TAKAO VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain	Leaving
"BOSHU MARU"	K. Hattori	WED'DAY, 20th Jan., at 8 A.M.

These Steamers of Coast and Formosa Line have Excellent accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted with Electric Light and Fans.

These Steamers will arrive at and depart from Soon Yip Wharf (near the Harbour Office).

For FURTHER INFORMATION, apply to

Y. ASAI,
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Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Building.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FRENCH MAIL LINES.

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM JAPAN VIA SHANGHAI.

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM EUROPE VIA SUEZ CANAL.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	MAGELLAN	On or about 19th Jan.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	DUMBEA	On 23rd Jan., at 1 P.M.

ALL STEAMERS FITTED WITH WIRELESS.

TRANSFERRING on the Co's Steamers at COLOMBO for CALCUTTA (every four weeks), also at PORT SAID for the LEVANT, CONSTANTINOPLE and BLACK SEA.

Through Tickets to LONDON via PARIS by rail. Circular Tickets to Europe via Suez and SIBERIAN ROUTE and vice-versa delivered here.

For further particulars apply to

P. THOMAS, AGENT,
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THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES and LONDON VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	HIRANO MARU Capt. Fraser	16,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan., at 10 A.M.
VICTORIA, H.O. and SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI and YOKOHAMA	KATORI MARU Capt. Kon	19,000	THURSDAY, 23rd Jan., at 10 A.M.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	TAMBA MARU Capt. Nagasawa	12,500	TUESDAY, 26th Jan., at Noon.
CALCUTTA VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG and RANGOON	SHIDZUOKA MARU Capt. Deguchi	12,500	TUESDAY, 26th Jan., at Noon.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	NIKKO MARU Capt. L. Takeda	9,600	FRIDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
NAGASAKI and KOBE	HITACHI MARU Capt. Soyeda	13,500	WEDNESDAY, 10th Feb., at Noon.
SHANGHAI and KOBE	SANUKI MARU Capt. Date	12,500	FRIDAY, 15th Jan.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	IYO MARU Capt. Osumi	12,500	SATURDAY, 16th Jan.
SHANGHAI and KOBE	TSUSHIMA MARU Capt.	12,000	TUESDAY, 12th Jan.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	CEYLON MARU Capt. Shinohara	12,000	MONDAY, 11th Jan.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	HITACHI MARU Capt. Sato	13,500	THURSDAY, 14th Jan., at 5 P.M.
	KASHIMA MARU Capt. Yagi	20,000	THURSDAY, 14th Jan., at 11 A.M.

S. Wireless Telegraphy.

PASSENGER SEASON FOR 1915.

FOR EUROPE.

Steamers	Displacement.	Leave Hongkong.
KATORI MARU	20,000 Tons	Thurs., 23rd Jan.
KAMOI	16,000	11th Feb.
KASHIMA	20,000	25th Feb.
NISHIMA	18,000	11th Mar.
SUWA	25,000	25th Mar.
ATSUTA	16,000	8th Apr.
YASAKA	25,000	22nd Apr.
MIYASAKI	16,000	6th May.
KITANO	16,000	20th May.
FUSHIMI	25,000	3rd June.

FOR AMERICA.

Steamers	Displacement.	Leave Hongkong.
SHIDZUOKA MARU	12,500 Tons	Tues., 26th Jan.
SADO	12,500	9th Feb.
YOKOHAMA	12,500	23rd Feb.
AWA	12,500	9th Mar.
SHIDZUOKA	12,500	23rd Mar.
TAMBA	12,500	6th Apr.
AKI	12,500	20th Apr.
SADO	12,500	4th May.

For Further Information as to Freight, Sailing, &c., apply to—

T. KUSUMOTO, MANAGER.

TELEPHONE Nos. 292 and 1241

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES AND LONDON

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR
COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, &c.
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Connecting Steamer	Steamers	Leave	Leave	Connecting Steamer	Due at	Due at
leaves YOKOHAMA	to	SHANGHAI	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES and LONDON	MARSEILLES	PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
Jan. 4	ARCADIA	Jan. 12	Jan. 16	MALOJA	Friday, Feb. 13	Thursday, Feb. 19
Jan. 11	NUBIA	Jan. 25	Jan. 29	MOULAN	Feb. 27	Mar. 5
—	ORIENTAL	Feb. 8	Feb. 12	MOLDAVIA	Mar. 13	M. R. 19
Mar. 1	MALTA	Feb. 23	Feb. 27	EGYPT	Mar. 27	Apr. 3
—	SARDINIA	Mar. 8	Mar. 12	MEURINA	Apr. 10	Apr. 16
Mar. 29	NUBIA	Mar. 23	Mar. 27	MONOLIA	Apr. 24	Apr. 30
Apr. 12	ORIENTAL	Apr. 5	Apr. 9	MALWA	May 8	May 14
—	MALTA	Apr. 20	Apr. 24	MOULAN	May 22	May 28
—	SARDINIA	May 3	May 7	MALOJA	June 5	June 11

THE ATTENTION of Passengers is drawn to the ACCELERATED ARRIVAL of the Mail Steamers at Marseilles, Plymouth and London. These vessels will now arrive in Marseilles on Friday, and London on the following Friday.

Passengers aboard Steamers at COLOMBO. Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of Booking.

FARES:

The Fares to London and Marseilles are as follows:—

	1st Saloon	2nd Saloon	3rd Saloon	Accommodation	Single	Return
LONDON	£65.	£29.	£24.	£24.	£24.	£24.
MARSEILLES	£61.	£25.	£20.	£20.	£20.	£20.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MAIL STEAMERS INTERMEDIATE (NON-TRANSHIPMENT) STEAMERS WILL LEAVE FOR

LONDON

CARRYING 1ST AND 2ND SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES

PROPOSED SAILINGS:

STEAMERS	Leave YOKOHAMA	Leave SHANGHAI	Leave HONGKONG	Leave SINGAPORE	Due at Marseilles	Due at London
NANKIN	Jan. 4	Jan. 15	Jan. 20	Jan. 25	Feb. 22	Mar. 3
NILE	Jan. 19	Jan. 29	Feb. 3	Feb. 8	Mar. 5	Mar. 17
NAMUR	Mar. 29	Mar. 12	Mar. 17	Mar. 23	Apr. 20	Apr. 29
NORF. ORS.	Apr. 12	Apr. 23	Apr. 28	May 4	June 1	June 10
NAGOYA	May 10	May 21	May 26	June 1	June 29	July 8

These Steamers call also at PORT SWETTENHAM, PENANG and COLOMBO

FARES TO LONDON: 1st Saloon £50 Single, £25 Return; 2nd Saloon £25 Single, £12 Return.

FARES TO MARSEILLES: 1st Saloon £46 Single, £23 Return; 2nd Saloon £23 Single, £11 Return.

All Passenger Steamers are fitted with the Marconi System of Wireless Telegraphy. THE ABOVE RATES ARE SUBJECT TO A SURTAX OF 10%.

For Further Particulars, apply to—

E. A. HEWETT,
SUPERINTENDENT.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

The *Cordillera* has been detained in Japan for repairs and no information regarding the mails transhipped to her from the *Manchuria* has yet been received.

The *Lucho*, with the MAIL FROM LONDON (via Siberia) of 9th December, is due to arrive here on Sunday, the 10th inst.

FOR	PER	DATE
Japan via Moji	<i>Hokuto Maru</i>	Friday, 8th, 10.00 A.M.
Chinwangtao	<i>Alliana</i>	Friday, 8th, 11.00 A.M.
Sankian	<i>Mawang</i>	Saturday, 9th, 11.00 A.M.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	<i>Sungkiang</i>	Saturday, 9th, 11.00 A.M.
Japan via Moji, Honolulu, Hilo, Manzanillo, Salina Cruz, Calla, Arica and Iquique	<i>Kayo Maru</i>	Saturday, 9th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	<i>Haiching</i>	Saturday, 9th, 2.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI AND NORTH CHINA (EUROPE via SIBERIA) (Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Brit. P.O. Thursday, the 14th inst.)	<i>Liangchow</i>	Saturday, 9th, 3.30 P.M.
Swatow, Shanghai and North China	<i>Hongkong</i>	Saturday, 9th, 4.00 P.M.
Swatow	<i>Haiman</i>	Sunday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Formosa and Tamsui	<i>Dajin Maru</i>	Sunday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Haiphong	<i>Singao</i>	Monday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	<i>Kayo Maru</i>	Monday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Takao	<i>Chosen Maru</i>	Monday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	<i>Haiyang</i>	Monday, 11th, 1.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	<i>Yuenang</i>	Monday, 11th, 2.00 P.M.
Hohow, Haiphong	<i>Louang</i>	Monday, 11th, 4.00 P.M.
Straits and India via Cebu	<i>Kuang</i>	Monday, 11th, 4.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	<i>Kuang</i>	Tuesday, 12th, 9.30 A.M.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Moji, Victoria, B.C., Seattle and United Kingdom via Canada	<i>Tamba Maru</i>	Tuesday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, JAPAN via NAAGI, SAKI, HONOLULU, UNITED STATES, CANADA via SAN FRANCISCO	<i>China</i>	Tuesday, 12th, 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	<i>Kanchow</i>	Tuesday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	<i>Chinkua</i>	Tuesday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.
Straits, Colombo, Suez Port Said, Marseilles and United Kingdom	<i>Hirano Maru</i>	Wednesday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.
Straits and Sourabaya	<i>Chunwang</i>	Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	<i>Haitan</i>	Friday, 15th, 1.00 P.M.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1859.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

Paid-up Capital... £1,200,000
Reserve Fund... £1,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

WM. DICKSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1914. [118]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital... £15,000,000
Reserve Funds—
Sterling... £15,000,000
Silver... £15,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors £15,000,000

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N. J. STABB,
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Hongkong, 11th November, 1914. [9]

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Authorized Capital... £1,500,000
Subscribed... £1,125,000
Paid-up... £825,000
Reserve Fund... £450,000

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A. B. LINTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 10th July, 1913. [119]

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(NETHERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK.)

ESTABLISHED 1863.

Authorized Capital... £1,300,000 (£2,600,000)
Paid-up Capital... £1,100,000 (£2,200,000)
Reserve Fund... £1,765,500 (£3,431,000)

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G. A. DUNLOP, Manager.

No. 8, Des Vaux Road Central,
Hongkong, 17th November, 1914. [12]

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

January 7th.
ON LONDON—
Telegraphic Transfer... 1/0
Bank Bills, on demand... 1/0
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight... 1/9 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight... 1/9 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight... 1/9 1/2
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight... 1/9 1/2
ON PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand... 220
Credits, at 4 months' sight... 230 1/2
ON GERMANY—
On demand... nom.
ON NEW YORK—
Bank Bills, on demand... 42 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight... 42 1/2
ON BOMBAY—
Telegraphic Transfer... nom.
Bank, on demand... 132 1/2
ON CALCUTTA—
Telegraphic Transfer... nom.
Bank, on demand... 132 1/2
ON SHANGHAI—
Bank, at sight... 78
Private, 30 days' sight... nom.
ON YOKOHAMA—On demand... 80 1/2
ON MANILA—On demand... 80 1/2
ON SINGAPORE—On demand... 70 1/2
ON BATAVIA—On demand... 100 1/2
ON RAIPUR—On demand... 5 1/2 p.m.
ON SAIGON—On demand... 5 1/2 p.m.
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SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate... \$11.15
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SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Hongkong... 20 cents pieces... \$18.50 discount.
Hongkong... 10 " " \$18.80 " "

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 7TH JANUARY, 1915.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.	RETURN ON BASIS OF LAST DIV.
BANKS—					
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$77 1/2	1/100
China Bank Corporation, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$11, buyers	
China Light and Power Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$5	all	\$4, sellers	
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$3, sellers	
COTTON MILLS—					
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 117	
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$7, sellers	
(In Liquidation)					
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	\$35, sellers	
DOCK AND WHARVES—					
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & S. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$74, sellers	
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$59	
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$63	all		
Shai. Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 50	
Shai. and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 80, buyers	
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$5.35, sales	
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	80,000	\$10	all	\$37	
Hongkong Hotel Company Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$122, buyers	
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$195	
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$23	
H'kong & South China Steamship Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$6	all	\$2	
Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$10	
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	325,000	5/	all	\$5.20, sales	
INSURANCES—					
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$345, sellers	
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$148, buyers	
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$850	\$50	\$385, sales	
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 145	
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$760, buyers	
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$205	
LANDS AND BUILDINGS—					
H'kong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$114, sellers	
Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd.	10,000	\$100	all	\$100	
Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd.	25,000	\$100	\$75	\$200	
Humbro's Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$71	
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$64	
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 71	
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$71	
Masthead Mt. Mtn. Bosc. Co.	250,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 35, buyers	
LANDS AND BUILDINGS—					
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$21	all	36, sellers	
Heavood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ltd.	832,000	\$21	all	2/6	
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$21	all	\$2.40, buyers	
Tromoh Mines, Limited	160,000	\$21	all	25/6, buyers	
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$10	
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$0.75, buyers	
Pulpes of Papeteries du Tonkin Societe de	75,000	\$10	all	\$5	
RAILWAYS—					
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$80	
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Star Ferry Company, Limited	40,000	\$10	all	\$39	
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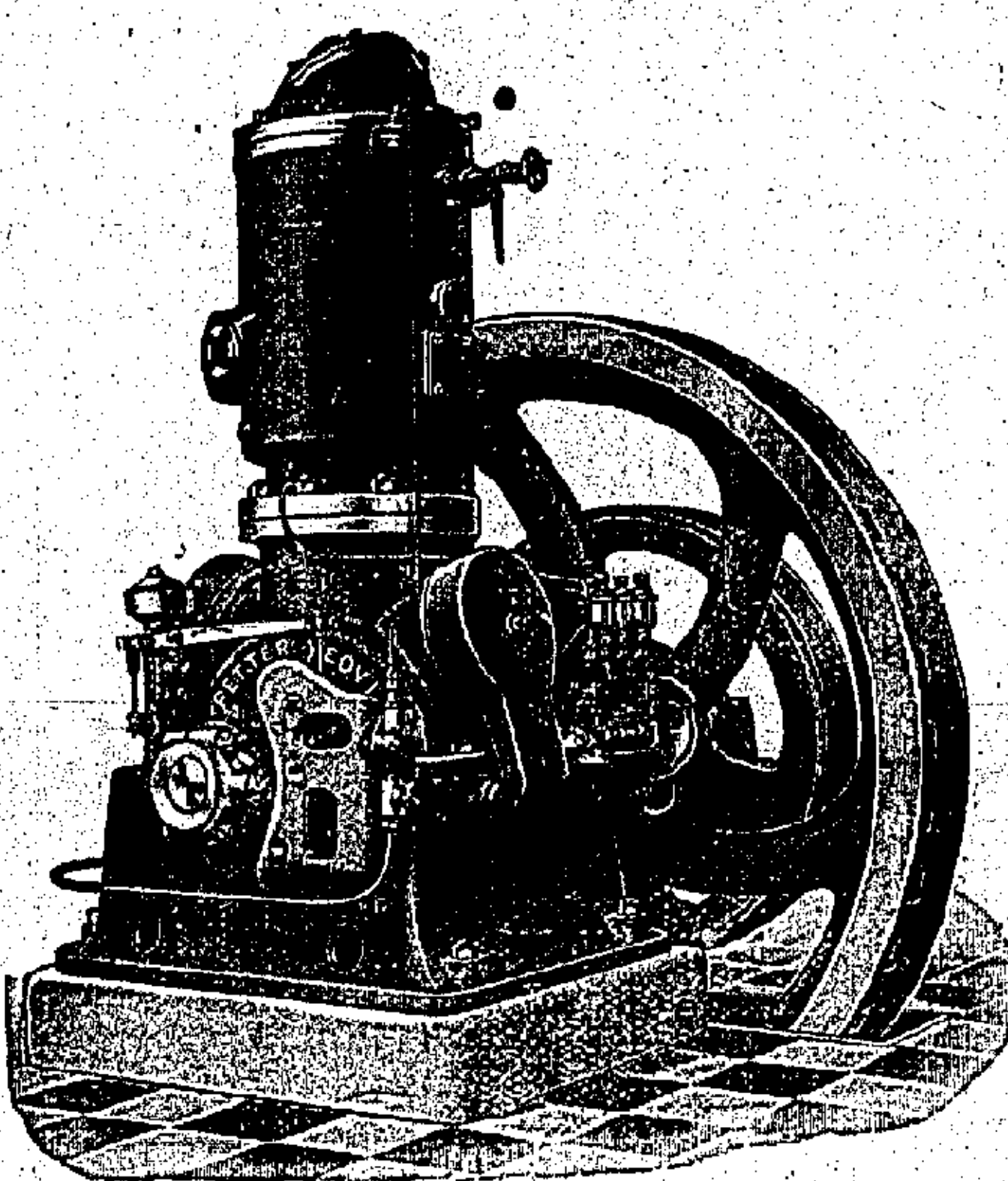
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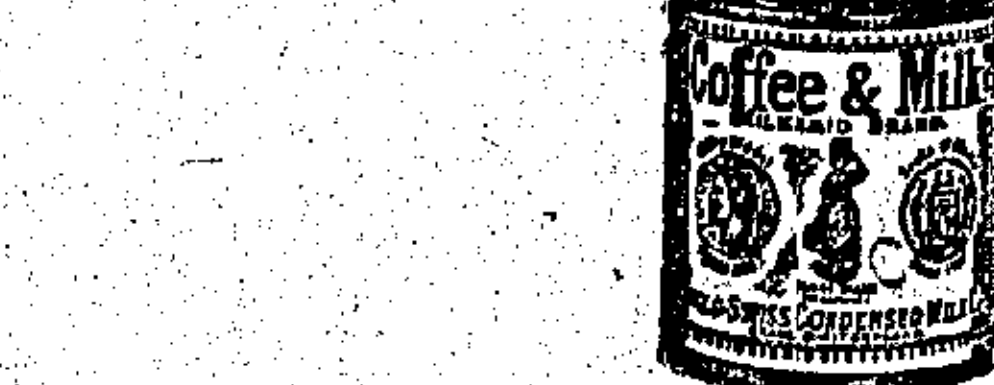
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